

APPROVED: Meeting No. 07-90

ATTEST:



MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 05-90

January 29, 1990

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on January 29, 1990, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilmember James T. Marrinan (arr. at 7:20 p.m.) Councilmember David Robbins

Re: Worksession with the
Cultural Arts Commission

John Moser, Chairperson, and members of the Cultural Arts Commission discussed the following items with the Mayor and Council:

1. Fiscal Items:

- o It was noted that the hearing impaired system for the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre has been completed for \$1,800, significantly less than the original estimate of \$5,000.
- o An increase in funding for the Art in Public Places program from \$1 per capita to \$1.50 per capita for FY91 was requested. The Mayor and Council will be provided previews of future art selections under this program in the same manner as Dogwood Park.
- o Funds were requested for a feasibility study for a 300-seat auditorium, and the Commission will prepare an information packet for the Mayor and

Council regarding this proposal.

- o The Mayor and Council approved the reallocation of \$35,000 this fiscal year from the Gateway project, which is being delayed until the construction of the interchange is completed, to the Pinneberg sculpture. The Commission requested an additional \$35,000 for the Pinneberg sculpture since it represented an addition to their Art in Public Places Program.
- o Regarding the Art Acquisition Program, it was confirmed that \$5,000 was budgeted for this program in FY90 and another \$5,000 will be appropriated for FY91. Mayor Duncan agreed to serve on the selection committee for the artwork to be located on the other wall of the Council Chamber.

2. Other

- o Status of Cable TV Arts Program. It was reported that the first show will be aired in the middle of February; there will be a new half-hour show each month and off-site videos will be included.
- o Mayor Duncan requested that the Cultural Arts Commission consider as a future agenda item the designation of an Arts District along Stonestreet Avenue similar to the one in D.C. The Commission was asked to work with the Planning Commission in this regard as they update the Master Plan.
- o Mr. Moser advised that a roundtable discussion was scheduled for February 24, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Rockville Arts Place to focus on the issue of funding of the Rockville Arts Place with all interested jurisdictions.

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The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on January 29, 1990, at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-94-89, Hardage
Enterprises, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Text Amendment Application T-94-89, amendments to the definitions, use regulations and parking requirements of the Zoning Ordinance related to all types of restaurants. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks until February 12, 1990.

Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-97-89, Joseph
A. Lynott, attorney for C. M.
Whalen, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Text Amendment Application T-97-89, amendments to allow "ownership lots" and "ownership plats" to be used in TCM-1 and TCM-2 Zones. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks until February 12, 1990.

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Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-98-89, Joseph
A. Lynott, attorney for 701
Rockville Pike Limited
Partnership, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Text Amendment Application T-98-89, amendment to Zoning Ordinance Limitations on Heights to allow roof top structures and equipment to exceed the maximum building height by 19 feet and provide a six-foot limitation on parapet walls. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks until February 12, 1990.

Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-101-89, Mayor
and Council of Rockville,
Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on Text Amendment Application T-101-89, amendments to various sections of the Zoning Ordinance to allow additional opportunities for child care facilities in residential and non-residential zones. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for two weeks until February 12, 1990.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council. There being no citizens wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Councilmember Marrinan referenced the meetings with Shady Grove Hospital and asked if others could participate in providing such services to the City. The City

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Manager responded that it was not meant to be exclusive to health care entities.

Regarding the Scott Drive repairs, Councilmmember Coyle asked if anything can be done from a public safety point-of-view about the left-hand turn problem at Glen Mill Road and Ritchie Parkway that was previously brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council. The City Manager responded that staff will handle in the same manner as other intersections, e.g., Hurley and Ritchie, with the possible use of directed patrols. Mayor Duncan referenced the need for the left turn light at Church Street and 355. With respect to the citizen who requested information on the City's leash laws, the Mayor asked if she had been sent the information staff had gathered. Mayor Duncan also requested that the information regarding the Scott Drive bridge and the left-hand turn at Glen Mill Road and Ritchie Parkway be transmitted to Tom Curtis who had discussed these issues during a previous Citizens' Forum. Regarding the sewer back-up at Rollins Office Park Condominium Association, Mayor Duncan requested information from staff.

Re: New Business

Mayor Duncan informed the Council that he and the City Manager had met with representatives from Marriott that day, including the Vice Chairman Richard Marriott and the Vice President of Real Estate, Ray Woerner. Marriott presented plans to move 2500 employees into the Tower Oaks site. These plans are contingent upon an agreement between Tower Oaks and Marriott regarding Marriott's property in Germantown. There is a six-month time frame involved. The City Manager has formed a staff team to facilitate the process. Mayor Duncan concluded by saying that Marriott is very excited about coming to Rockville and that he thinks Marriott is just the right tenant for the Tower Oaks site.

In response to Councilmmember Coyle, Mayor Duncan stated that the County Executive is very supportive of Marriott's plan to come to Rockville; the road structure and zoning are already in place. Councilmmember Coyle also asked if the Transportation

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Action Partnership would come into play in this development and the Mayor indicated that Marriott had discussed getting TAP involved.

Councilmember Marrinan expressed concern with the ambitious time schedule and both Mayor Duncan and the City Manager agreed that they feel assured that the necessary work can be completed within six months.

Mayor Duncan reported to the Council on his trip to Pinneberg to attend the memorial services for Pinneberg Mayor Hans-Hermann Kath. He noted that the Pinneberg citizens were very appreciative of the fact that the City was represented and that he gave a short speech at the City Hall reception following the services. Mrs. Kath received Mayor Duncan and Dick Knorpp, representing Rockville Sister City Corporation, in her home that evening.

Pinneberg will be sending a group to Rockville in October, and Mayor Duncan indicated that he would like to officially invite Mrs. Kath to come to Rockville in October as the City's guest. The Council concurred. Mayor Duncan advised that the City would be receiving a letter from Pinneberg regarding German-American Day, emphasizing the importance of this celebration to the Pinneberg citizens and their expectations that Rockville will be represented.

Mayor Duncan also advised the Council that Pinneberg is seeking to form a sister city relationship with an East Germany city and has asked Rockville to become a third party. It was noted that the Rockville Sister City Corporation had already discussed such a relationship and approved same, and the Councilmembers agreed that it is appropriate.

Discussion followed regarding moving the sister city relationship into a more technical area; that Pinneberg could be a big help in opening up the European market for Rockville businesses.

Finally, Mayor Duncan requested that staff have produced for sale t-shirts and

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sweatshirts with a slogan such as "Celebrate Rockville," and the City Manager responded that such an effort is already underway.

Re: Budget issues worksession

The City Manager advised that the purpose of the worksession is to present a very broad and general look at what the staff views as major issues for the FY91 budget and to provide the Mayor and Council with an opportunity to identify issues.

In a briefing on the economic outlook, the Director of Finance indicated that that revenues are projected to increase moderately for FY91 but that growth in the 90's will not be as fast-paced as the 80's. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal for a study by Griffith & Associates to identify alternative revenue sources and to improve indirect cost allocation. It was mentioned that impact fees would be included in the Griffith study.

The City Manager also advised the Mayor and Council that the City departments were incorporating the adopted Goals for the City of Rockville as part of their routine service to the residents of Rockville.

City Manager's Office

In response to Mayor Duncan's question regarding the status of the "24 hour City Hall," the City Manager noted that it is part of the telecommunications study which will be a FY91 budget issue. Discussion followed regarding the hiring of the Directors of Personnel and Community Development.

Future issues identified for the City Manager's Office included increasing intergovernmental cooperation; enhancing communications between citizens and City government; development of long-term strategic legislative plans; and developing the potential for a more flexible work force.

Community Development

Preservation/upgrade of older neighborhoods, industrial areas and shopping

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centers was identified as a future issue. Councilmember Hovsepian noted the need for regular periodic inspections of shopping centers and industrial areas as to their impact on residential areas.

With respect to housing, Councilmember Coyle asked if the City is considering means for businesses to work with the City in establishing housing. It was decided that staff should explore such efforts with Marriott Corporation.

Planning

Some of the factors influencing the FY91 budget are update of the Master Plan, ongoing "housecleaning" text amendments necessitating continued resource allocation and the continuing need to address special housing requirements.

Regarding the exploration of innovative housing options to respond to changing demographics, Councilmember Coyle requested that the Mayor and Council be provided with an update, highlighting any major changes or trends.

Public Works

The major factor affecting the FY91 Public Works budget is the implementation of the refuse "Super Service." Mayor Duncan asked how much the refuse rate would be increased to provide for this service. Staff noted that the major costs are set by the County in the form of tipping fees. There was also discussion regarding snow removal and the difficulty in removing snow in courts and on cul-de-sacs. Mayor Duncan asked staff to give some thought to a solution to this problem.

As to future issues, federal and state mandates, such as the new commercial driver's license; aging infrastructure; requests for improving City services were mentioned.

Police

It was noted that pursuit of accreditation of the Police Department would necessitate additional civilian resources, which resources could be utilized for other

assignments once the accreditation process is completed.

Factors influencing the FY91 budget include further development and implementation of the neighborhood-oriented policing philosophy and special event coverage. Councilmember Coyle asked if it were possible to recapture some of the costs associated with special event coverage from the business community.

Among the future issues identified by the Police Department were establishment of specific directed patrol assignment personnel to handle ever-increasing citizen requests.

Finance

The Finance Director stated that the Purchasing Department would attempt to establish a program with the Chamber of Commerce to orient prospective or new businesses (to the bidding process) and conduct seminars for minority businesses. The future issues identified by the Finance Department include dealing with increasingly complex fringe benefit issues and dealing with financial issues which characterize a mature community.

Community Services

Future issues identified by the Department of Community Services include continuation of substance abuse education and prevention activities; exploration of intergenerational programs; determination of the appropriate role of the City in providing social services.

Recreation and Parks

The factors influencing the FY91 proposed budget include increased costs resulting from outside agency fees for MCPS buses, use of school facilities, stormwater management, wetlands, etc; decrease in special event costs due to equipment stocking but increase in services with more public/private ventures. Future issues identified including continuation of modernization of parks; cost implications of Civic Center study.

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Following discussion, it was agreed that the public hearing dates for the FY91 budget would be adjusted to provide more time between receipt of the budget and the hearing date.

Re: Executive Session

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session at 10:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on February 6, 1990, or at the call of the Mayor.